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In re application of:

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For: **METHOD FOR REDUCING A METAL SEAM IN AN
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE AND A DEVICE
MANUFACTURED THEREBY**

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Examiner: Zarneke, David A.

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed April 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: